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AN INTERESTING GUIDE BOOK.

Miss NELLIE BLY's circuit of the globe has aroused such intense interest in thousands who follow the plucky girl's speedling feet with eager attention, that THE EVENING WORLD has decided to publish its columns the thrilling story of JULES VERNE, "Around the World in Eighty Days." The great French romancer yielded himself freely to imaginative description, but the hard, cold actuality of the game world voyager, NELLIE BLY, will make his work of fancy seem, by comparison, a dull prose narrative of fact. Phileas Fogg was a bold Britisher who didn't know how to let go. NELLIE BLY is a vivacious American girl who knows how to hold on.

It will be an interesting study to see her flying feet touching lightly at connecting points of the journey which Phileas Fogg made in JULES VERNE's brain.

CONGRESS.

On the stroke of noon the nation's legislative body will convene in the strictly white marble building whose snowy dome soars into the blue of a Washington sky. The Fifty-first Congress will begin its labors. It will labor very gently till after Christmas. Then several questions of some importance will engage its attention, among which are Canada's commercial relations with the United States, the Alaska seal fisheries, the silver question, the Blair Educational Bill, the tripartite treaty with Great Britain and Germany regarding the control of Samoa, affairs, and other interesting matter for cerebral irritation. It will probably be a quiet, easy-going session, though Speaker Tom Reed will be likely to lend a touch of color now and then to things.

Now it comes out that a great big lake captain, when he was a strapping farmer boy, swam through the churning seas of Lake Erie, breasted his gallant way through the billows of an April gale to a wrecked boat and bore off in safety his one dear maid, Bravo, Capt. HARTWELL! Here is a Hero and a Leander in one.

The Russian Court has caught a bad cold and has been sneezing for a week. Now Prof. ZEKEANER comforts the afflicted royalties by telling them that it probably means the approach of cholera. Probably the next cable despatches will give ZEKEANER's address as Siberia. What a court doctor he is!

SPOTLIGHTS.

An old soldier won a pension awarded him, borrowed money on the strength of it and drank himself to death before a penny of it reached him. The "gentle" that set up the drinks for him should be "preferred creditors."

Some men never know when to draw the line. A husband whose wife had been away on a visit stayed all night after she got back. She horsewhipped him. He'll stay out nights now when she is away from home.

"BLESSED OUR HOME."

A baby hippopotamus
For now cast in its lot with us,
Up there in Central Park;
The "mum" will now her daughter "nuss"
Till she has fully caught on it.
It just came just after dark.

Mrs. Drexel, the millionaire nun of Philadelphia, is going to spend her five millions on Indians and negroes. This is enough to make every inexcusably dumb in the land wail in anguish.

A dear old gray-headed, toothless bear made a last grasp at dentistry and tried to chew up a lychee. Mr. Lyon had a gun and wasn't chewed up worth a cent.

Turner ought to get a nice bill through Congress.

POLITICAL ECHOES.

Philip J. Britt, a Twentieth District Tammany man and a searcher in the Register's office, is a candidate for the Clerkship of the Seventh District Civil Court to succeed John F. Carroll.

Alderman James M. Fitzsimons, of the Eighteenth District, seems to have the lead in the race for Judge-elect Henry Blodell's place as Attorney for the Collection of Assessments of Taxes.

He was welcomed by the fastidious Haytians as United States Minister. They want "a horse of another color."

The young woman who on Nov. 6 could hardly bring herself to believe the statement of THE EVENING WORLD that the people of the Eighth Congressional District desired him to represent them at Washington, has witnessed that assertion prove in most decided and satisfactory manner.

NEW YORK STYLES.

All the dress skirts are cut long in the back so as to sweep the ground, and a rise in mohair brim may be expected.

In remodeling last year's dress waist the basque part may be worn under the shirt waist and a folded skirt of velvet or wide ribbon made to cover the band. New sleeves of darker velvet will help to perfect the disguise, and with a belt of narrow velvet ribbon sewed in rows about the bottom of the skirt will cover any sign of wear.

Black, after a long retirement, again popular in woolens for house and street wear.

A very nice lining for dresses is a low-priced French taffeta known among modistes as Oxford cloth. It is a light fabric and fine twill as lustrous and resplendent as satin and durable as to be preferred to silk by many ladies to whom economy is not a consideration.

Flock and white lourves have been removed from the fruit plate, and a white violet dotted in the finger bowl which may be eaten or not.

LIEUT.-COL. MORAN.

Welcome Contributions to "The Evening World's" Christmas Tree Fund.

Capt. Wilson Crowds Lieut. Pasco Out of Second Place.

One Hundred and Ninety-four Candidates for Military Popularity.

Lieut.-Col. Moran, of the Sixty-ninth Regiment, leads to-day in THE EVENING WORLD's National Guard Election with a grand total of 6,200 votes, while Capt. Wilson, of the Second Company, trails Lieut. Pasco with 5,397 votes, and rests quietly in second place.

Meantime Lieut. Pasco is third, with 4,412 ballots to his credit. Capt. Sloan, of the "Old Guard," has taken another boom and is now fourth, with a grand total of 3,313.

The record which the successful candidate will receive is to be a most brilliant affair. In the first place, it is to be made upon an entirely new design, richly ornamented, and of the best material.

The blade will be of the purest Damascus steel. The handle will be of solid brass or of brass mounted with silver, and decorated with silver, according to the rank of the officer receiving it.

The shape of the blade will also depend upon the rank of the officer receiving it.

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